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In claim 1, line 8, after "between them," , - - moving a safety plate and blocking movement of the second end of the column tube toward the second end cell structure to maintain the access spacing, - - has been inserted.

Claims 15 and 16 have been cancelled.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jeremy M. Jay on June 15, 2009.

Prior to the first line of the first page of the specification, the following has been inserted:

- - Reference to Related Applications

This application is a 371 of PCT/GB04/05184 filed December 10, 2004 - - .

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